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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q59303

Masaaki KONNO

Appln. No.: 09/588,345

Group Art Unit: 2622

Confirmation No.: 8129

Examiner: Heather D. Gibbs

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
July 31, 2003:

REMARKS

During the interview, the basis for the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as well as the prior art rejections of claims 1, 4, and 9-11 were discussed.

Regarding the § 112 rejection, the Examiner's supervisor argued that the recitation of claims 1, 4, and 8 of the light emission of the plurality of light emitting element units being respectively separately/selectively controlled should be recited in a separate controller element in these claims.


With respect to the prior art, Applicant's representative argued that Suzuki does not teach or suggest the optical member or light emission of the plurality of light emitting element units being respectively separately controlled, as recited by claims 1 and 4. On both issues, the

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Examiner and her supervisor recognized the point of the arguments, and the Examiner agreed to reconsider the rejection in light of the arguments.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,


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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For						
All Claims	28	-	20	=	8	X	\$18.00	=	\$144.00
Independent	3	-	3	=		X	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
TOTAL								=	\$144.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$144.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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